

NEGRO FIENDS' AWFUL WORK

Five Negroes In an Alabama Jail on Terrible Charge.

WHITE LADY VICTIM.

After Being Repeatedly Assaulted the Unfortunate Woman Was Dragged by Her Hair Down Embankment and Murdered.

Montgomery, Ala., July 18.—At 10 o'clock Sunday night Governor Jelks received the following telegram from Gadsden: "My jail and prisoners confined therein threatened by mob. Prisoners in jail charged with rape and murder of white woman. Need military assistance. Answer."

The governor immediately wired Captain L. B. Raney, commanding the Gadsden company of the state troops, to place his company at the disposal of the sheriff and to keep the executive office advised of further developments.

The negroes in the Gadsden jail are Vance Gardner, Will Johnson, Ed. Johnson, Bunk Richardson, Jeff Alford and Fannie Mayo. The victim of the criminal assault and murder which they are alleged to have committed was Mrs. S. J. Smith, white, a widow. The deed was committed Saturday night, but was not discovered until an early hour Sunday morning, when one of the negroes now under arrest, Vance Gardner, reported that he had found the dead body of Mrs. Smith. Chief of Police White and several officers went at once to the scene and discovered the nude body of the woman lying partially concealed in some bushes by the roadside about three-quarters of a mile from Gadsden. The evidence obtained shows that Mrs. Smith was attacked on the upper side of the road, and, after having been repeatedly assaulted, was dragged by her hair down an embankment over rocks and stumps into the clump of bushes where she was left, after efforts had been made to conceal her body. Her shoes and stockings were found nearby, having been torn from her and had false teeth were nearby in the road. The woman's neck was broken.

The ground at the scene of the crime showed that the woman had put up a desperate struggle for life and honor, and a pair of scissors and a case knife were close to her body, weapons which she had evidently used against her assailants.

Mrs. Smith was last seen on Saturday night, when, with her two sons, she attended a show in Gadsden.

She became separated from her boys and after making inquiries as to their whereabouts without avail she started home alone. She took a path which was nearer than the usual route. As she was emerging from the path into the road she was attacked by the men.

Vance Gardner, one of the negroes under arrest and who claims to have discovered the woman's body, says that about midnight Saturday he was passing and was aroused by cries of "Help!" and "Murder!" Going to the scene he found Mrs. Smith prostrate on the ground with a negro standing over her and endeavoring to stuff a towel into her mouth. He says that he called the men to stop, but was told to leave immediately.

A mob of 300 people gathered on Broad street in Gadsden Sunday night, marched on the jail demanding that the doors be opened. One young man had the rope ready to swing Vance Gardner. Sheriff Chandler and Judge J. H. Disque were prepared for them. Company C, with First Lieutenant A. R. Brindley in charge, was called out and had pickets out. Congressman Burnett and Judge Disque made talks and the mob dispersed.

WITTE AND MEYER.

They Confer For an Hour in Regard to Peace Conference.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—M. Witte spent an hour with Mr. Meyer, the American ambassador, at the Kleimichel palace Sunday discussing the forthcoming peace conference. Before leaving for Paris M. Witte will have still another audience of the emperor. M. Witte is expected to be the bearer of a personal message from the emperor to President Roosevelt.

The Associated Press is authorized by M. Hartwig, director of the first department of the foreign office, to deny in the most categorical fashion the report of the alleged contents of the instructions to M. Witte, published in Paris by the Echo de Paris and elsewhere abroad.

Two Bombs Thrown.

Kutais, Transcaucasia, July 17.—During the rendition of a musical programme in a public garden here Sunday two bombs were thrown. No one was killed.

One Killed, One Wounded.

Mitau, Russia, July 18.—Baron Eltsrom, a large land owner, has been killed, and Baron Hahn, another land owner wounded by agitators.

Japanese Warships Appear.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—Japanese warships have appeared to the northward of the Island of Sakhalin and are presumably meditating a descent on the island.

Thomas Passes Away.

Dalton, Ga., July 17.—General D. L. Thomas died at his home in this city Sunday afternoon. Peritonitis was the immediate cause of his demise. He was a graduate of West Point and a distinguished brigadier general in the Confederate army.

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BLACKMAR DEAD.

Commander in Chief of Grand Army of the Republic Expires.

Boise City, Ida., July 18.—General W. W. Blackmar, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died Sunday of intestinal nephritis. His wife was with him during his illness. The body will be embalmed and taken to the home of the family at Boston. The general arrived here on July 10, on a tour during which he intended to visit Grand Army posts throughout the northwest. He was ill when he arrived and gradually failed. The seriousness



GENERAL W. W. BLACKMAR of his condition was kept from the public at the request of his wife.

General Blackmar was born July 25, 1841, at Bristol, Pa. He enlisted in the Fifteenth Pennsylvania cavalry and subsequently joined the First West Virginia. He served with distinction throughout the war and at Five Forks was promoted to the rank of captain. Through-out three administrations, those of Governors Long, Talbot and Rice, he was judge advocate general of Massachusetts. At the last national encampment he was elected commander-in-chief.

Succeeded by King.

Boston, July 18.—John B. King of Washington is General Blackmar's successor.

SIXTEEN KILLED.

That Number of Women Dead and Thirty-Two Wounded.

Ferino, Italy, July 18.—The roof of the chapel of the Women's hospital fell during the celebration of mass, killing sixteen women and injuring thirty-two.

WILL FIGHT LEASE.

Newspapers Do Not Desire Tenants on Half Million Acres.

Lawton, Okla., July 17.—The newspapers of Caddo, Comanche and Kiowa counties, comprising the entire original Kiowa-Comanche county of southwest Oklahoma, have united in their fight against the leasing of the 500,000 acres of Indian reserve land in Comanche county for agricultural purposes, as proposed by Secretary Hitchcock, for a term of five years, beginning Jan. 1, next. They are backed up by nearly 250,000 inhabitants of this section of Oklahoma. It is not the desire of these citizens to see this county populated by 20,000 families of tenants.

During the coming session of congress the Oklahoma people will fight strongly to have this land opened to settlement. Congressman Stevens of Texas and ex-Delegate Flynn of Oklahoma have expressed their determination to work to that end.

Long Journey to Happiness.

Mangum, Okla., July 18.—George Lewis and Miss Lizzie Routh traveled in a buggy from Groom, Tex., to this place and were married. En route they were kept busy dodging officers, who had been sent out by their parents to intercept them, they being deemed too young. The journey was 200 miles.

Kicked to Death.

Guthrie, July 18.—James Rogers, a pioneer bachelor homesteader of Woodward county, fell from a barn loft at Fort Supply, while he was tending hay, and was kicked to death by horses.

Due to Lockjaw.

Guthrie, July 18.—Herbert Cronkite, aged thirteen, of Hitchcock, died of lockjaw, caused by a Fourth of July accident, a cap explosion tearing away one finger and portion of his hand.

Three Drown.

Dover, N. H., July 18.—General D. L. overturning in Millard's pond two men and a woman drowned.

TWELVE INNING GAME.

Fort Worth Wins It and Also Takes the Second One.

At Fort Worth Sunday the local baseball club defeated Waco in two games. The first, which lasted twelve innings, resulted: Fort Worth, 3; Waco, 1. The second was: Fort Worth, 5; Waco, 1.

Dallas won both games of a double header by scores of 4 to 0 and 5 to 1.

North Texas League.

Clarksville, 6; Texarkana, 2. Paris, 2; Greenville, 0.

South Texas League.

Galveston, 2; San Antonio, 1; San Antonio, 2; Galveston, 2. Beaumont, 3; Houston, 2.

Southern League.

Shreveport, 4; Nashville, 1. Montgomery, 4; Memphis, 0. New Orleans, 11; Birmingham, 2. Little Rock and Atlanta were to have played a game at Little Rock Sunday, but upon receiving warning that they would be arrested if they did so refrained.

American League.

Washington, 3; Chicago, 1. Boston, 5; St. Louis, 2.

ESCAPED JAGUAR STOPS TRAINS

Animal Gets Out of Cage and Result Thrilling.

KEEPER IS CLAWED.

Young Lady Passenger In Sealing a Cliff to Escape Falls Twenty Feet and One of Her Limbs Broken.

Colorado Springs, Colo., July 18.—More than 2000 people and four passenger trains of the Colorado Midland railroad have been held up at Tunnel No. 6, two miles west of Manitou, by a fierce South American jaguar. Before he was captured the animal clawed Joseph Bennett of this city, cutting a severe gash in his right leg. Miss Delmont, a passenger on one of the trains, became frightened, and in endeavoring to scale a high cliff, fell twenty feet, breaking her left limb. The jaguar and a polar bear occupied two compartments in a cage that was loaded upon a flat car train belonging to a circus. The train was about to enter the mouth of the tunnel and the cage struck the mouth of the tunnel. A keeper threw on the air brakes, stopping the train. He threw at the polar bear and fired blank cartridges at the jaguar to keep them from escaping. The jaguar crawled under the car and during the effort to drive it into its cage Bennett received his injuries. The animal was finally driven into a small cage, but before the door could be closed the train started and the jaguar again leaped for liberty. It dashed through the tunnel, but upon emerging at the other end found itself in a narrow cut. After some effort the animal was again captured and placed in its cage.

ON TWO CRUIERS.

Suggested That Peace Envoys Visit Oyster Bay Thus From New York.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 18.—President Roosevelt devoted himself Monday practically exclusively to the transaction of executive business forwarded to him from Washington and to recreation about Sagamore Hill. No arrangements for visitors were made and none expected. Arranging for dates of the approaching visit to the president of the peace plenipotentiaries has been discussed. The navy department has suggested and the president has approved of the idea that the envoys be brought to Oyster Bay from New York on two cruisers. After an informal reception the plenipotentiaries will go aboard the Mayflower and Dolphin here and be taken in those vessels to New York, with an escort of at least two cruisers and perhaps two. Commander Winslow, who has been ordered to command the Mayflower, which will be at the disposal of the envoys during their sojourn in the United States, will continue as the president's naval aide notwithstanding his new command.

MAY BE INSPIRED.

Dignity of Russia or Interests of Empire Must Not Be Affected.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—The Novoye Vremya prints the following statement of Russia's position, which may be inspired: "Russia can consent only to such peace as will not affect her dignity or the vital interests of the empire. To act otherwise would be fatal to Russia and would threaten all Europe. Europe no longer believes in Japan's assurances of peace in the far east. Even England and America's approval can be heard in indirect interference of powers to moderate Japan's demands. Our plenipotentiaries must remember that they must defend the interests not only of Russia, but also of other Caucasian powers, and they will find moral support in Berlin, Paris, Washington and perhaps even London. Our army in the field is much stronger than it was fifteen months ago."

The Hamburg Nachrichten proposes that Europe intimate to Japan that extreme demands will be resisted by Europe in general, especially Germany. "This is a valuable statement. We must ascertain what is the acceptable maximum of our concessions to Japan from European points of view and act accordingly."

DETECTIVE KILLED.

Patrol of Infantry Fired Volley and Slew the Assassin.

Warsaw, July 18.—A sergeant of detectives was shot and killed here Monday by an unknown man. Patrol of infantry while pursuing the assassin fired a volley killing the miscreant.

Mutiny and Murder.

Lodz, July 18.—Part of the Ekatoynburg regiment stationed here mutinied and killed an officer. The mutineers were arrested. Owing to the state of siege citizens of Lodz are compelled to contribute \$1500 daily towards the maintenance of troops here.

FELL FIVE STORIES.

District Attorney Had a Leg Broken and Other Men Badly Hurt.

Philadelphia, July 17.—An elevator fell from the fifth floor of the Land Title building, the tallest "sky-scraper" office building in the city. John C. Bell, district attorney, had a leg broken. He was taken to the University of Pennsylvania hospital for treatment. Harry T. Kingston, assistant city collector, was seriously injured internally, as was also the elevator operator.

Before having any plumbing work done come and see or telephone to R. L. Hattaway. Phone 158. 4-7 ft

DELUGE OF REPLIES.

Bachelors Hear From Hundreds of Widows and Maidens.

Manitou, Okla., July 18.—Recently an aggregation of bachelors in the vicinity of this place advertised for wives and as a result are being deluged with replies from all sorts of pretty maids, widows and others. Regarding these splendid results a Manitou bachelor said: "Letters are now pouring in from the four points of the compass and the intermediate triangular territories addressed to the president or secretary of the matrimonial club, the postmaster, justice of the peace, newspaper correspondents, city editors and others, from whom the various correspondents conceive they may gain the desired information that will lead to the ultimate realization of their newly inspired hopes. The letters are from all ages, types, hues and nationalities. Each writer is of a 'mild and loving temperament,' wholly domestic in 'er disposition, experienced in housekeeping, neat, tidy, economical, and if not a practical butter maker is sure she can learn—and all are pronounced good looking or handsome by their numerous friends."

AUTOMOBILE WRECKED.

Reduced to Scrap Iron and Two Young Ladies Probably Fatally Hurt.

New York, July 18.—Two young women were probably fatally hurt and their two male companions had remarkable escapes from injury Monday when the automobile of Fred K. E. Marshall of St. Louis, which had been borrowed by Mr. Marshall's chauffeur was caught between an elevated railroad pillar and a street car at Seventy-ninth street and Third avenue. The automobile was reduced almost to scrap iron. The forty-horse power machine attempted to race in front of a surface car bound down the hill, and as it whirled onto the pillars and swerved onto the track it was pinched between the car and a pillar. The rear half of the automobile, in which was seated Misses Cora Michaels and Helen Donnachauser, two of the chauffeur's friends, were demolished, and the girls so tangled in the wreckage of the car and automobile that it took half an hour to extricate them. The male companion of the chauffeur was thrown out on the sidewalk, but the chauffeur was uninjured. Nearly all the occupants of the street car were thrown on the floor and the conductor severely injured. Frederick Marshall, owner of the machine, was not in the city at the time of the accident.

PEARY DEPARTS.

Arctic Explorer Starts In Quest of the North Pole.

New York, July 18.—The Roosevelt, in which Captain Robert E. Peary hopes to reach the North Pole, started on her long voyage Sunday. Captain Peary and a party of guests were on board at the start and remained with the ship on her trip down the bay, but they returned to the city on a navy tug. Captain Peary started Sunday night by rail for Sydney, Cape Breton, where he will join the ship. The Roosevelt was saluted by all manner of steam and sailing craft on her way to sea. She passed out the Narrows at 4:45 o'clock.

MURDEROUS MILLER.

Said He Was Best Man in House and Partly Proved It.

Owingsville, Ky., July 18.—A telegram from Beattyville, Ky., says John Miller of Breathlet county shot and killed James Crees and wounded James M. Thomas, during a fight in a church on Fraley creek, Lee county, Sunday night. Miller entered the church, according to the report received here, and announced he was the best man in the house. Crees and Thomas disputed this and the shooting followed. A m.b. was formed to lynch Miller, but the sheriff landed his prisoner safely in Beattyville jail.

MOTHER EXPIRES.

Dies Shortly After Stormy Interview With Her Children's Father.

Chicago, July 18.—Shortly after a stormy interview with her husband, with whom she has not lived for several years, Mrs. Kate M. Cleary, well known in Chicago as a newspaper and magazine writer, has died suddenly of heart disease at the door of her room in a hotel. Her husband, M. T. Cleary, had called with two of their four children to see her.

Receivership Dissolved.

St. Louis, July 18.—On motion of attorneys for the People's United States bank, capitalized at \$2,500,000, Judge McElhinney of the St. Louis county circuit court has dissolved the receivership for the institution and discharged Receiver Spencer, appointed by him several days ago, on request of Secretary of State Swanger of Missouri.

CONSTITUTION APPROVED.

Objects of Baptist Alliance Are to Promote Good Fellowship.

London, July 18.—The Baptist congress approved the constitution of the new Baptist World Alliance, the objects being to promote good fellowship and co-operation among the Baptists of all countries. All unions or associations of Baptist churches can join. The executive committee will consist of seven members from the United States, five from Great Britain, two from Canada and seven from the rest of the world.

Soldier Murdered.

Baltimore, July 18.—Private Patrick Cummings, of company E, United States engineer corps, was murdered by Hayes Donaldson of this city at a landing place in Curtis creek, near this city.

Fatal Heat Prostrations.

Chicago, July 18.—W. Dubunski and John Cogan died from heat prostration Monday. Temperature was 93.

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